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January 13, 2004

The Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Complaint of Ben Lomand Communications, Inc. against Citizens
Telecommunications of Tennessee, LLC

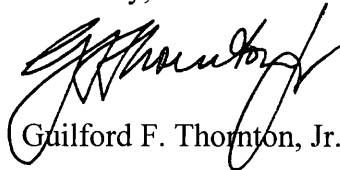
TRA Docket No. 02-01221

Dear Chairman Tate:

On behalf of both parties to this matter, I am enclosing with this letter a Joint Motion to Appoint Hearing Officer.

Should you have any questions or require anything further at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



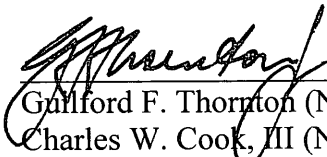
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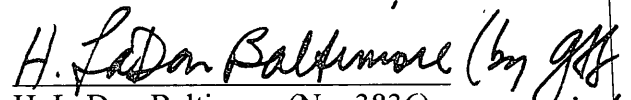
Both parties assert that granting this motion will promote the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings and will not impair the interests of justice.

Respectfully submitted,



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